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Art Unit 1642

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/631,863; Filed: August 3, 2000
For: **Tumor-Associated Antigen (R11)**
Inventors: Konopitzky *et al.*
Our Ref: 0652.2480001/EKS/JLP

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Interview; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of this document, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Statement of Substance of Interview

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Sir:

In reply to the Interview Summary faxed March 26, 2004 (Paper No. 20040325), Applicants hereby submit the following statement of the substance of the telephonic interview conducted between Examiner Minh-Tam Davis and Jessica Parezo. The statement is provided in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

The erroneous holding of abandonment of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/631,863 ("the '863 application") was discussed. The Examiner requested that Applicants forward to her, via facsimile, a copy of Applicants' Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, filed January 30, 2004 in reponse to the July 30, 2003 Office Action.

The Examiner agreed that she did not wait seven (7) months after the date of the last Office Action, which was mailed July 30, 2003, before holding the '863 application abandoned. The Examiner stated that the '863 application will be revived and that no petitions are required to be filed by Applicants.

Applicants respectfully request that this statement be entered into the record. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that further personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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